



MCDOT NEWS

News from the Montgomery County Department of Transportation, Division of Highway Services

CASTLE BOULEVARD PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Project to Begin in August 2011

PURPOSE

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you of the upcoming traffic calming and pedestrian safety modifications along Castle Boulevard, from Briggs Chaney Road to Castle Terrace (see map on the reverse side for exact project location), and to describe the process.

INTRODUCTION

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation's (MCDOT) Division of Traffic Engineering and Operations (DTEO) and the Division of Transit Services have evaluated traffic along Castle Boulevard. The study has warranted modifications that should enhance traffic and pedestrian safety.

SCOPE OF PROJECT

Contractors will install new concrete bump-outs and pedestrian refuge islands along Castle Boulevard. This includes associated curb, gutter and sidewalk modifications necessary to ensure compliance with Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. Additional minor roadway repairs may be necessary as the work progresses (please see photos on the

right for examples).

MCDOT's Division of Highway Services (DHS) will be managing the planned improvements as well as providing quality assurance and quality control.

PROJECT WORK PLAN

Generally, the work will proceed as follows:

1. Lay out the modifications according the planned design.
2. Provide temporary lane changes with temporary traffic markings and traffic drums or cones.
3. Install new ADA compliant bump-outs and pedestrian refuge islands along Castle Boulevard.
4. Perform patching of the roadway, if needed.
5. Install permanent traffic signs and pavement markings.
6. Relocate bus-stops

SCHEDULE

This project is scheduled to begin on or about August 1, 2011 and will take approximately one month to complete, weather permitting. The traffic project, and associated repair work will be scheduled between the hours of 7 am and 5 pm, Monday Through Friday. Temporary

traffic control devices will remain in place until the project is completed.

IMPACTS

All construction work will be scheduled between the hours of 7 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Continuous traffic will be maintained at all times.

This project will necessitate temporary lane closures and temporary parking restrictions. Signs will be posted identifying such restrictions. Access to businesses will be available at all times, however minor delays may be experienced as flaggers manually direct traffic safely through the construction zone.

This type of project is generally characterized by some noise and dust. Please rest assured that DHS will do its best to keep the site in good housekeeping order.

We apologize in advance for any unavoidable inconvenience that the Castle Boulevard traffic project may cause. We are confident that residents and users of Castle Boulevard will welcome the results of this project.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience as we work to improve Castle Boulevard for residents and users.



Concrete Traffic Bump-out



ADA Compliant Ramp



Pedestrian Refuge Island



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NOTICE OF CASTLE BOULEVARD PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

SAFETY NOTICE

Please remember that while work is proceeding, construction vehicles will be moving around. Some materials may be stored in the area. Please use caution when walking or driving through the construction zone. Children may be attracted to the noise and machinery, so please keep them under supervision at all times, even after the work is completed for the day. Also, please follow the direction of flaggers and temporary signs and traffic control devices. We appreciate your patience and cooperation while we make these much needed improvements to the infrastructure.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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